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## DEMI-TASSE

### ONE USE FOR IT.

SHE was a sweet little girl with innocent blue eyes, and she came home from Sunday-School with a card on which was pictured a highly-coloured Biblical scene, a reward for saying many "verses."

"Isn't it a lovely card?" she said to her mother.

"Yes, dear, very pretty."

"What do you think we'd better do with it?"

"I don't know, dear. What do you say?"

The small girl was thoughtful for a few moments and finally said brightly:

"I know the very best thing to do. You may offer it as a bridge prize!"

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### NEWSLETS.

IT is understood that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. R. L. Borden are troubled with insomnia, in consequence of the rumour that the Liberals of British Columbia and the Conservatives of Nova Scotia have joined their forces to form a Third Party.

It is entirely untrue that Captain Bernier has been asked to spend the Christmas holidays with Commander Peary. Next summer, there is going to be a North Pole Old Boys' excursion to the place where the Stars and Stripes is unfurled, where the Eskimo ate the gum drops and found an open sea. How they will talk over old times, to be sure! Hon. L. P. Brodeur will be the guest of honour.

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### HAPPY RICHARD!

Away out in spacious B. C.  
The Tories are smiling in glee.  
They elected McBride,  
Victoria's Pride,  
And Whitney's as pleased as can be.

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### WORTH WAITING FOR.

DURING a political campaign, that speaker fares best who can most readily answer a question with an anecdote. The story will have only the most slender connection with the inquiry, but it serves its purpose if it diverts the attention of the audience from the awkward situation.

Hon. W. S. Fielding is a careful and conscientious Cabinet Minister, who shuns the making of promises and the pledging a golden future. The tariff is his darling child, and so long as he can persuade the public that the tariff is all right, other matters may take care of themselves. During the last Dominion election, Mr. Fielding found himself the chief speaker at a meeting in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Now, everyone knows that the crying and constant need of that picturesque province is a tunnel, the Tunnel in fact, and the people will listen gladly to any public man for any number of minutes if he will only talk tunnel. Mr. Fielding had not gone far in his picture of the country's prosperity, in his compliments to the large and intelligent audience, when he was brought to a halt by the interrogation: "What about the tunnel?" which was repeated on all sides.

In no wise daunted, Mr. Fielding proceeded to tell the following tale:

Once upon a time there entered a parlour car a happy bridegroom and blushing bride, who vainly tried to look as if they had been married for many months. He tried to read the newspaper, she pretended to take an interest in the scenery, but the other passengers saw that the wedding ring was very new and the bride's going-

away gown was what the papers call a "creation."

To the delight of this unsophisticated pair, the train suddenly shot into a long and unlighted tunnel, from which it emerged with a smiling car of passengers and a more-deeply blushing bride.

"George," said the latter, after a few moments, "do you know that the tunnel cost a million dollars?"

"I don't care," replied George stoutly. "It was worth five millions."

Mr. Fielding continued blandly: "Now I cannot say when the tunnel will come to Prince Edward Island. But I have no doubt that when it comes you will, like George, conclude that it was worth waiting for."

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### NON-COMMITTAL.

POLITE and yet truthful was Lord Beaconsfield's formula for acknowledging an author's presentation of a book to him:

"Lord Beaconsfield presents his compliments to Mr. K— and will lose no time in perusing his interesting book."

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### WHY RUN RISKS?

A CANADIAN author wrote an anthem for a recent celebration in Toronto.

Toward the end of the exercises, when the people were going out a few at a time, the author rushed to the conductor and said:

"Is it over?"

"Practically."

"But, great Scott! man, they haven't sung my anthem!"

"Well," said the conductor, "so long as the people are going out peacefully and quietly, why sing it at all?"

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### THE CALL OF THE WILD.

Twenty thousand pairs of arms that beat the frantic air,

Twenty thousand pairs of eyes that gleam or gloat or glare.

Twenty thousand voices wild that scream and yell and swear—

Football—that's all!

—Judge.

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### THE USUAL THING.

IT was a cruel response which was given the other day to an old professor of music, who is a bachelor and lives in lodgings. He was looking at one of the inscriptions which now mark the houses formerly inhabited by great artists and other notables.

"Ah!" said he, "what will they put outside my apartments when I am gone?"

"Why, 'lodgings to let,' of course!" replied the cynic.—*English Journal*.

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### CONCLUSIVE.

TWO young men who had been chums at college went abroad together. One conscientiously wanted to visit every spot mentioned in the guide books; the other was equally conscientious about having a hilarious time. This naturally led to disagreements. In the course of one of these the lover of pleasure said tauntingly: "Perhaps you are doing these places so thoroughly because you are going to write a book about your trip."

"I should," replied the other promptly, "if Robert Louis Stevenson hadn't pre-empted the title I want to use."

"What's that?"

"Travels with a Donkey." — *Tribune*.

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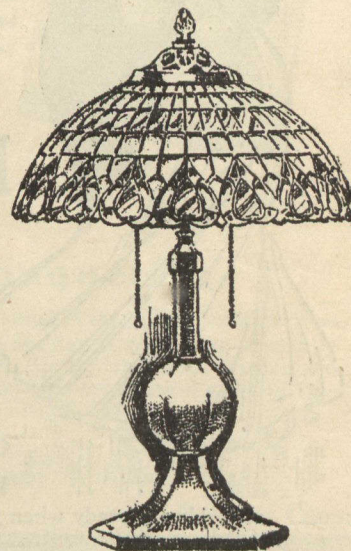
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